



Alameda County Coroner's Bureau
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Coroner Investigator's Report

CALL INFO	NAME OF DECEASED (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE) LAMENDOLA, Christina Angelina			TENTATIVE I UNIDENTIFIED		CASE NUMBER 2017-00540	
	REPORTED BY Aaron Haskins		REPORTED BY PHONE		REPORTING AGENCY Alameda County Sheriff's Office-ETS		REFERENCE NUMBER
	INVESTIGATOR GOGNA, Anthony		CALL DATE AND TIME 2/11/2017 1341		CASE TYPE Removal Case		
	DATE AND TIME OF DEATH 2/11/2017 1320		DATE OF BIRTH 2/10/1979	AGE 38 Years	GENDER Female	RACE Hispanic	MARITAL STATUS Never Married
DECEDENT	HGT	WGT	EYE COLOR Brown	HAIR COLOR Brown	OCCUPATION Homemaker	EMPLOYER	
	Preliminary Summary: [REDACTED]						
	[REDACTED]						
	[REDACTED]						
DEATH	LOCATION OF DEATH Santa Rita Jail					LOC TYPE Other	
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 5325 Broder Blvd., Dublin, CA, 94568					COUNTY Alameda	
	Manner	Accident		Death Certificate Signed By			
	Cause A	Cardiac arrhythmia and arrest				Interval	Minutes
	Cause B	Acute methamphetamine intoxication				Interval	Minutes
	Cause C					Interval	
	Cause D					Interval	
	Other Significant Conditions	Chronic pulmonary hypertension with severe cardiac sequelae.					
NOTIFIC.	LEGAL NEXT OF KIN [REDACTED]		RELATIONSHIP [REDACTED]		TELEPHONE NO.		
	NOTIFIED BY		METHOD		DATE AND TIME		
	IDENTIFICATION METHOD Finger Prints		DATE AND TIME 2/17/2017 0000				
	LOCATION OF INCIDENT Jail		AT WORK				
INCIDENT	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 5325 Broder Blvd., Dublin, CA, 94568					COUNTY Alameda	
	INVESTIGATING AGENCY Alameda County Sheriff's Office-ETS					INV AGENCY PHONE NUMBER	
	OFFICER						
DISP	FUNERAL HOME TRI-CITY CREMATION & FUNERAL SERVICE				BODY RELEASE TO FUNERAL HOME ON 2/15/2017 1517		
	Full Autopsy	Partial Autopsy	Inspection	Record Review	Inspection w/Specimen	EXAM BY PAUL W. HERRMANN	



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Investigator Narrative

Decedent: LAMENDOLA, Christina Angelina
Case Number: 2017-00540
Investigator: Anthony Gogna

First Call Information:

On Saturday, February 11, 2017, about 1330 hours, Sergeant A. Haskins called and reported the death of Christina Lamendola. Sergeant Haskins told me Lamendola was a 38 year old female who died in the Out Patient Housing Unit at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin. Lamendola had a long medical history and had been staying in Cell 5 by herself. Lamendola was talking to Doctor Molotorisc when she collapsed. Alameda County Fire Engine #17 arrived and pronounced death at 1320 hours.

Sergeant N. Gonzalgo and Lt. M. Ibarra were notified of the death. (AG#1303)

Medical Summary:

According to medical records from Valley Care Medical Center, on February 4, 2017, about 2044 hours, Lamendola had a chief complaint of, "feeling short of breath because of the air freshener in the police car." At that time her breathing was even and unlabored. Lamendola had a past medical history of congestive heart failure and pulmonary hypertension. Lamendola was cleared for incarceration.

According to medical records from the California Forensic Medical Group, Lamendola had congestive heart failure and pulmonary hypertension. On February 11, 2017, Lamendola took her morning medication. Lamendola's current medical records, intake screening, and medication chart was included in the case file. (AG#1303)

Description of the Death/ Injury Scene:

Lamendola died as an outpatient at Santa Rita Jail. (AG#1303)

Body Identification:

I compared the decedent to a photograph on Lamendola's California Driver's License ([REDACTED]) and they matched. (AG#1303)

On February 15, 2017, I (Henshaw) received a fax from Central Identification Bureau for a fingerprint comparison of Lamendola. The comparison of fingerprints from the decedent matched the fingerprints on file with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Personal File Number [REDACTED], associated with the name Christina Angelina Lamendola (DOB 2/10/1979). (JDH1886)

Next of Kin Investigation:

On Saturday, February 11, 2017, about 1845 hours, I (Lorenzana) searched Accurint (a search tool used to locate a person's relatives) in an attempt to locate Lamendola's next of kin. Several people were listed as possible relatives.



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I called a [REDACTED] who said Lamendola was an old friend of the family and did not care to hear anything about Lamendola. I notified [REDACTED] of Lamendola's death and asked if she knew of any family members for Lamendola. [REDACTED] said she did not and was not going to give me any information as she was too old to talk to me.

I called another person listed on the report named [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] identified herself as an estranged Aunt and said she had not had contact with Lamendola's family in about 30 years. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was Lamendola's step mother and said she was still married to Lamendola's father, [REDACTED] and provided me [REDACTED] phone number. [REDACTED] said Lamendola was possibly married from what she could remember and had children that had been legally adopted by one of [REDACTED] relatives. [REDACTED] said Lamendola's mother [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) may possibly still be alive and may reside in [REDACTED] (No results in Accurant for [REDACTED])

I called [REDACTED] and attempted notified him of Lamendola's death and the Coroner's Bureau involvement in the case. [REDACTED] took the phone from [REDACTED] and told him not to talk to me. [REDACTED] said they were too old to deal with this and said her daughter, [REDACTED] would call me when she returned from a concert. [REDACTED] asked for my contact information and I provided her the main number to the Coroner's Bureau. (RL1702)

On February 12, 2017, about 0108 hours, [REDACTED] called and I explained the Coroner's Bureau involvement to her and the need for [REDACTED] to select a mortuary, while on speakerphone with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said they understood and would call mortuaries for pricing on dispositions. (RL1702)

Other Agency Reports:

Refer to Alameda County Sheriff's Office Report # 17-002470. A copy of the report was placed in the case file. (AG#1303)

Property and Evidence:

Lamendola's belongings which were collected at the time of her arrest was collected and later processed into property at the Coroner's Bureau (See Receipt #37955). (AG#1303)

Coroners Fees:

The Coroner fees are \$400 for body removal and preparation.

On February 24, 2017, the Coroner fees were paid in full. (AG#1303)

Investigative Details:

On February 4, 2017, Lamendola was [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] After her arrest Lamendola was taken to Valley Care Medical Center and was cleared for incarceration. Lamendola was then taken to Santa Rita Jail and after her medical screening she was placed in the Out Patient Housing Unit.

On February 11, 2017, about 1550 hours, Deputy Henshaw and I (Gogna) arrived to the death scene. As I walked into the cell I saw Lamendola was face-up on the cell floor with medical therapy in place. There



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were no signs of foul play or trauma. Rigor mortis was absent and livor mortis was consistent with the position she was found in.

In the cell there did not appear to be any unused medication or illegal drugs. There were no letters of intent or after life instructions.

Lamendola was moved to a gurney and into the Coroner's van for transportation back to the Coroner's Bureau.

About 1700 hours, we returned to the Coroner's Bureau and processed Lamendola into the morgue. Deputy Henshaw took intake photographs at that time.

On February 14, 2017, Coroner's Pathologist Doctor P. Herrmann performed a full autopsy on the Lamendola. Doctor Herrmann deferred the cause of death pending a toxicology exam.

On February 15, 2017, Lamendola's body was released to Tri-City Cremation and Funeral Service. [REDACTED] signed the mortuary's release form.

On March 6, 2017, the toxicology report was returned and it revealed methamphetamine and amphetamine in Lamendola's system.

On March 13, 2017, Dr. Herrmann gave a cause of death of, "Cardiac arrhythmia and arrest, due to acute methamphetamine intoxication." Dr. Hermann listed, "Chronic pulmonary hypertension with severe cardiac sequelae", as other significant conditions.

On March 31, 2017, I checked the Consolidated Records Information System and it revealed Lamendola [REDACTED]. (AG#1303)

Findings:

On March 31, 2017, I (Gogna) reviewed this case to prepare it for closure. Upon reviewing the cause of death, autopsy protocol, case file, and other documents associated with this case, I find the manner of death in this case to be an accident. The levels of drugs in the specimens were not at levels that would indicate suicide and were consistent with a person who abused drugs. No letters of intent or after life instructions were found at the scene. [REDACTED]

When Lamendola sought medical attention from Doctor Molotorisc she did not approach him stating she was attempting to harm herself. (AG#1303)

Supervisor Review:

On Saturday, April 1, 2017, I (Sgt. Gonzalgo) reviewed this case and found it to be complete. I concur with the findings and approve this case for closure. (NLG#1171)

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Director of Emergency Services
Coroner - Marshal

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: February 14, 2017
FROM: Paul W. Herrmann, M.D.
TO: Case File 2017-00540
SUBJECT: AUTOPSY PROTOCOL

Autopsy performed upon the body of Christina A. Lamendola at the Coroner's Bureau, 2901 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, California, on February 14, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.

AUTOPSY FINDINGS

- 1) CARDIOMEGALY WITH LEFT AND RIGHT VENTRICULAR HYPERTROPHY (CLINICAL HISTORY OF PULMONARY HYPERTENSION WITH ENLARGEMENT OF THE RIGHT ATRIUM AND RIGHT AURICLE OF THE HEART) .
- 2) CONGESTION OF THE LUNGS.
- 3) CONGESTION OF THE LIVER, SPLEEN AND KIDNEYS.
- 4) CEREBRAL EDEMA, MILD.
- 5) A PLASTIC BAG CONTAINING TWO HARD ROCK OBJECTS, PRESENT WITHIN THE PANTIES OVER THE PUBIC ESCUTCHEON.
- 6) FEMORAL BLOOD SAMPLE:
A) D-METHAMPHETAMINE 1.09 MG/L
B) D-AMPHETAMINE 0.13 MG/L.

CAUSE OF DEATH: CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIA AND ARREST DUE TO ACUTE METHAMPHETAMINE INTOXICATION.

Other conditions: CHRONIC PULMONARY HYPERTENSION WITH SEVERE CARDIAC SEQUELAE.

cc: District Attorney
Investigation's Bureau
Tina Moore-Walker

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Body of CHRISTINA A. LAMENDOLA

1 EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

2 The body is that of a well-developed adult female appearing
3 consistent with the stated age of 38 years, weighing 160 pounds
4 and measuring 64 inches. The hair is a reddish blonde color
5 that is long and wavy. It is darker near the scalp. The irides
6 are brown. The conjunctivae are slightly congested but no
7 petechiae are present. The teeth are in good condition. There
8 is minimal rigidity of the neck, and complete rigidity of the
9 jaw and extremities. Purple lividity is present on the back and
10 is also present in the supraclavicular areas and in the mid-
11 face.

12 The body is dressed in the following items of CLOTHING:

13 1) An upper strap-like garment, white in color, which has
14 been cut down the middle.

15 2) A pair of panties which are in place. There is slight
16 yellow staining at the crotch area.

17 There is the following evidence of MEDICAL TREATMENT:

18 1) EKG pads are present on each forearm and on each leg.

19 2) A resuscitative electrode pad is present on the left
20 side of the chest and another is present over the anterior right
21 shoulder.

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22 3) Two hospital-type identification bands are present on
23 the left wrist.

24 4) An intracath is taped in place in the right antecubital
25 fossa.

26 5) A fresh needle puncture mark is present in the left
27 antecubital fossa.

28 6) An endotracheal tube is clamped in place near the
29 mouth.

30 Paper bags are secured over the hands and wrists.

31 TATTOOS:

32 A number of tattoos are present.

33 There is a punctate tattoo, just simply a green dot, below
34 the right eye on the right side of the face.

35 There is a tattoo of a musical staff on the anterior aspect
36 of the right upper arm with some musical notes and a few hearts
37 present on it. There is a tattoo of a diamond on the anterior
38 aspect of the right forearm. There is a tattoo on the ulnar
39 aspect of the right forearm which says "Only Girl In The World."
40 There are tattoos of numerous stars on the anterior aspect of
41 the right shoulder along with a butterfly.

42 There is a tattoo of a revolver on the left ankle and on a
43 portion of the left foot are tattoos of stars.

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44 When the bags are removed from the hands, the hands are
45 shown to be free of trauma. There are false nails bilaterally.
46 They are dark in color.

47 The earlobes bilaterally show two cosmetic piercings.

48 There is the following evidence of BLUNT TRAUMA:

49 There is no evidence of recent trauma to the face or head.
50 There are a few scattered punctate scars over the forehead and
51 the bridge of the nose shows a transverse 3/8 inch scar.

52 There is no evidence of trauma to the neck.

53 The chest shows no trauma except for a few semicircular
54 abrasions in the midsternal area consistent with cardiopulmonary
55 resuscitation. The breasts are well formed and reveal no
56 masses.

57 When the panties are removed a twisted piece of a plastic
58 bag is present over the anterior genitalia. Rock hard white
59 substance is present within the bag.

60 There is no evidence of trauma to the abdomen. Numerous
61 depigmented striae are present on the abdomen. There is no
62 trauma to the genitalia. The vaginal orifice shows no
63 abnormality.

64 The right upper extremity shows no evidence of recent
65 trauma. The fingernails show no trauma.

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66 The left upper extremity including the hand shows no
67 trauma. The nail beds are clean in appearance on the left hand.
68 No needle puncture-type scars are seen over accessible veins.

69 There are several pigmented scars over the right knee that
70 are surgical in appearance.

71 The right lower extremity shows numerous scars on the leg.
72 Approximately 3 inches below the knee there is a vertical 1 inch
73 scar. In the midportion of the leg there is an irregular linear
74 discontinuous scar measuring approximately 3 inches in length.
75 There are three to four slightly pigmented scars present on the
76 dorsum of the right foot.

77 The left lower extremity shows no evidence of recent
78 trauma.

79 There is no evidence of trauma to the back or buttocks.

80 INTERNAL EXAMINATION

81 Y-SHAPED THORACOABDOMINAL AND INTERMASTOIDAL INCISIONS are
82 made.

83 HEAD: There is no evidence of trauma to the scalp. The
84 subcutaneous tissue, galea and skull show no abnormalities. The
85 external surface of the brain shows very slight gyral
86 flattening. The unci are unremarkable in appearance. The brain
87 weighs 1380 grams. Cut sections of the brain show no internal

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88 abnormality. The vessels of the base of the brain are normal.

89 The base of the skull shows no abnormality.

90 NECK ORGANS: The soft tissues of the neck and the cervical
91 spine are unremarkable. The laryngeal and tracheal cartilages
92 and hyoid bone are intact. The airway is patent. The
93 endotracheal tube is in its proper position.

94 CHEST: There are several fractures to the ribs on the left
95 side. The left third, fourth and fifth ribs are fractured
96 anterolaterally associated with minimal hemorrhage. On the
97 right side, the fifth and sixth ribs are fractured
98 anterolaterally with no hemorrhage whatsoever. There is no
99 blood present in the pleural cavity. The lungs fill the pleural
100 spaces.

101 LUNGS: The left lung weighs 450 grams. The right lung
102 weighs 550 grams. The pulmonary arteries on cut section show no
103 abnormality. They do not show any atherosclerosis. The bronchi
104 are unremarkable. The lungs on cut section show diffuse
105 prominent congestion. No other abnormality is seen.

106 HEART: The pericardial sac contains a small amount of
107 clear yellow fluid. The external surface of the heart shows
108 marked enlargement. The heart weighs 510 grams. The left and
109 right ventricles both appear hypertrophied. The coronary

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110 arteries on cut section show no atherosclerosis. The right
111 coronary artery is somewhat dominant. The cardiac chambers show
112 thickening of both the left and right ventricles. They are not
113 dilated. The left ventricular wall measures 13-14 mm, the right
114 ventricle 11-12 mm. The right atrium and auricle are markedly
115 enlarged and the left atrium shows no abnormality. The
116 pulmonary artery shows no abnormality. The valves show no
117 abnormality. The foramen ovale is closed. The interventricular
118 septum is normal. The descending thoracic and abdominal aorta
119 shows no abnormality.

120 ABDOMEN: The abdominal fat is 2 inches at the umbilicus.
121 The organs are in their normal positions.

122 LIVER: The liver weighs 1850 grams. The capsule is
123 smooth. The parenchyma is acutely congested and maroon-brown in
124 color. The gallbladder and extrahepatic ducts are unremarkable.

125 SPLEEN: The spleen weighs 225 grams. The capsule is
126 smooth. The parenchyma is firm and congested.

127 PANCREAS: The pancreas is of normal size and retains a
128 lobular architecture.

129 ADRENAL GLANDS: The adrenals are equal in size. The
130 cortices are thin, bright yellow. The medullae are
131 unremarkable.

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132 GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT: The mucosa of the esophagus and
133 stomach shows no abnormalities. The stomach and duodenum
134 contain a small amount of opaque brown fluid. The small bowel
135 contains creamy yellow bile stained fluid. The large intestine
136 is unremarkable. The rectum contains solid fecal material.

137 GENITOURINARY TRACT: The kidneys are equal in size and
138 weigh 180 grams each. The capsules strip with ease. The
139 cortical surfaces are smooth. The parenchyma is firm and
140 congested. The renal vessels, pelves and ureters are in their
141 normal positions. The urinary bladder is empty. The bladder
142 mucosa shows no abnormalities.

143 REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS: The external genitalia and vagina
144 show no abnormality. The uterus including the cervix shows no
145 abnormality. The endometrium is very thin and pale yellow in
146 color. The tubes and ovaries are present bilaterally. One
147 ovary shows the presence of a large corpus albicantia but no
148 corpus luteum is present.

149 There is mild osteoarthritis of the lower thoracic spine.

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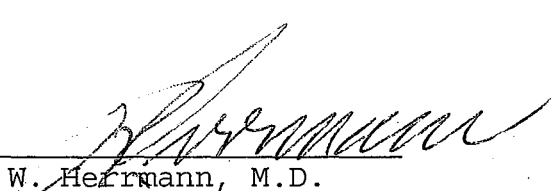
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Paul W. Herrmann, M.D.

Case Name:

Lamendola,

TOXICOLOGY NUMBER: CVT-17-2523

Christina A.
19 ml femoral blood labeled "Lamendola, Christina; 2017-00540; 02/14/2017"

Specimen Description:

Delivered by Tricor

Date 16-Feb-17

Received by Bill Posey

Date 16-Feb-17

Request: Complete Drug Screen

Agency Case # 2017-00540

Requesting Agency

Alameda Co. Coroner's Office
Attn: Acct's Payable
2901 Peralta Oaks Ct., 2nd Floor
Oakland CA 94605

Report To

Alameda Co. Coroner's Office
Attn: Dr. Herrmann
2901 Peralta Oaks Ct., 2nd Floor
Oakland CA 94605

Specimen: Femoral Blood Sample

RESULTS

Complete Drug Screen: Methamphetamine detected.

No other common acidic, neutral or basic drugs detected.

No Ethyl Alcohol detected.

d-Methamphetamine = 1.09 mg/L

d-Amphetamine = 0.13 mg/L

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B.E.

Blood Methamphetamine Ranges

Effective Level: (0.01 - 0.05 mg/L)

Potentially Toxic: (0.2 - 5 mg/L)

Blood Amphetamine Ranges

Effective Level: (0.02 - 0.15 mg/L)

Potentially Toxic: (0.2 mg/L)

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